

Congress to do what they have failed to do in the past and that is to frame a resolution or a constitutional amendment and present it to the various states for their ratification. This would basically be the same procedure that we use presently or we have used for the last twenty some, twenty eight amendments to the constitution and that is actually the last thirty eight amendments, the first ten which the Bill of Rights were also presented in this way, this would give an opportunity to the Congress, it would urge the Congress to deal with this issue, give the opportunity to the Legislatures of the various states to have uniformity in their resolutions, to have a uniform constitutional amendment which would deal with this issue. It doesn't specify just exactly what should be in the resolution but it would ask Congress to in fact do it as opposed to the states. This would guarantee that there would not be a constitutional convention which could possibly open up the various aspects of the constitution for change. It simply would allow for the various states in the traditional method to ratify a constitutional proposal that the Congress has passed. Since Congress has been reticent. I think that this amendment is the correct and the proper approach. It's the historic approach. It is the approach used in every case up until now and I would hope that we would adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte. The question is shall debate now cease. Are there five seconds? There are. Record your vote. We are under Call. Senators are required to be at your desks. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question then is the adoption of Senator Newell's amendment. Record your vote. Sir, state your point.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is it the Chair's ruling that I have no closing when they shut off debate like this?

PRESIDENT: There was no answer to your opening debate so there is nothing to respond to.

SENATOR NEWELL: That was true. There was no answer but that was because the debate was shut off, it wasn't because there wasn't nobody to...

PRESIDENT: No. Senator Newell, you get an answer to close debate to reply to arguments. There was no argument so there is nothing to reply to so there is no close. Record your vote.

SENATOR NEWELL: Were there no other lights on then, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, there was nothing to reply to so you have nothing to respond to. Now what else can I tell you, Senator?

SENATOR NEWELL: The question that I am asking, the situation is this is that was it because there was nobody else wanting to debate?